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ERGONOMICS APPENDIX ADVISORY COMMITTEE AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2007—Monday—9:30 a.m.
General Office Building—7150 Harris Drive—Conference Room B
State Secondary Complex—Lansing

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sheryl Ulin..... University of MichiganCo-Chairperson
Mark Spence Dow Chemical Company.....Co-Chairperson
Andrea Smutz Genesee County Controllers Office
Andrew Comai United AutoWorkers International Union
David Cwynar..... DAC Physical Therapy, LLC
John Bavin Michigan Chamber of Commerce & Consumers Energy
Karlene Ketola Michigan Association of Homes & Services for the Aging
Marie Martinko Society of the Plastics Industry Inc
Nancy McLaughlin Agility Health Professionals, Inc.
Ronald Henderson Tower Automotive
Tycho Fredericks Western Michigan University

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Bradley Joseph Ford Motor Company
Dave Herbel Michigan Association of Homes & Services for the Aging
Derrick Quinney Michigan State AFL-CIO
George Vondrak..... Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
Laura Hardy Delphi
Linda Berry..... United Food & Commercial Workers – Local 951
Margaret Faville Service Employees International Union Local 79
Sarah Sims DaimlerChrysler
Scott Tolmie DaimlerChrysler
Susan Howe..... Society of the Plastics Industry Inc
Teresa Bellingar Haworth, Inc

MIOSHA STAFF PRESENT:

Douglas Kalinowski Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Administration
Martha Yoder Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Administration
John Peck Management & Technical Services Division
John Brennan..... General Industry Safety and Health Division
Marsha Parrott-Boyle Standards Section
Bart Pickelman..... General Industry Safety & Health Division
Richard Zdeb Consultation, Education, and Training Division
Kristin Osterkamp General Industry Safety & Health Division
Dena Hendon..... Standards Section

VISITORS

Dennis Emery General Industry Safety Commissioner
Amy Shaw..... Michigan Manufacturing Association
Andy Johnston Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce
Bill Lobenherz Michigan Soft Drink Association
Bonnie Buchniak Michigan Business and Professional Association and
..... / Michigan Food and Beverage Association
Charles Owens National Federation of Independent Business
Chris Fisher..... Associated Builders and Contractors
Chris Klaver Gongwer News Service
Joelle Demand..... Michigan Bankers Association
Linda M. Gobler Michigan Grocers Association
Nadine Nozel United AutoWorkers Union
Samantha Jones Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce
Scott Hummel Michigan Association of Insurance Agents
Wendy Block..... Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Agenda Item #1—Call to Order

The October 8, 2007 MIOSHA Ergonomics Appendix Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Co-chairperson Mark Spence. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Visitors, advisory committee members, and staff introduced themselves.

Agenda Item #2—Approval of Minutes for August 22, 2007 Meeting

A motion was made by Co-chairperson Sheryl Ulin and was seconded by Ron Henderson to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2007 Advisory Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #3—Public Comment

The following individuals spoke in opposition to a mandatory Ergonomics Standard:

Charles Owens..... National Federation of Independent Business
Wendy Block Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Joelle Demand Michigan Bankers Association
Bill Lobenherz Michigan Soft Drink Association
Andy Johnston Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce
Amy Shaw Michigan Manufacturing Association

The following submitted letters in opposition to a mandatory Ergonomics Standard:

Charles Owens..... National Federation of Independent Business
Todd Anderson..... Small Business Association of Michigan
Andy Deloney Michigan Restaurant Association
Amy Shaw Michigan Manufacturing Association
Linda M. Gobler..... Michigan Grocers Association
Samantha Jones Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce
Bonnie Buchniak Michigan Business and Professional Association and
..... / Michigan Food and Beverage Association
Wendy Block Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Nadine Nozel from the United AutoWorkers Union spoke in support of a mandatory Ergonomics Standard.

Discussion followed between advisory committee members, staff and visitors. Co-chairperson Mark Spence stated that discussion and information is welcomed and it is good to be reminded of the larger landscape of Michigan. He thanked all for their comments and explained that the committee was charged to draft a minimal standard, not to assess the need for a standard.

Committee member Marie Martinko noted that the presence and participation of The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc. (SPI), in the MIOSHA ergonomics standard activities does not mean SPI is in support of a mandatory standard. John Bavin representing the Chamber of Commerce also expressed his opposition and the State Chamber's opposition to the mandatory standard versus a voluntary guideline.

Agenda Item #4—Review of Appendix Draft #8, dated August 22, 2007 – Marsha Parrott-Boyle

Marsha Parrott-Boyle reviewed the changes between appendix draft #7 and draft #8. During the review minor wording improvements were made; some material in appendix A was thought best to be in appendix C; and it was decided to add two examples of simple assessments tools.

The consensus of the committee was that work on the appendix draft was complete and to send the appendix draft to the entire Ad-Hoc Ergonomics Appendix Advisory Committee members as well as the appointed Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee members for final approval and comments.

Agenda Item #5—CET Sample Training Program and Resources – Marsha Parrott-Boyle

The CET sample training program was reviewed by the advisory committee. Suggestions have been incorporated into the presentation. It has been edited to better follow the order of the draft rule.

Agenda Item #6—Report on MIOSHA Ergo Web Team

Marsha Parrott-Boyle reported that the MIOSHA Ergo Web Team has begun developing an ergonomic resource web site. The team includes volunteers from this committee, Andrea Smutz, Nancy McLaughlin, and seven MIOSHA staff members. All the recommendations from this advisory committee have been given to the web team.

Agenda Item #7—Review of Ergonomics Draft #15, dated June 28, 2006

Marsha Parrott-Boyle explained that the next step is that the appointed Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee shall meet to review Ergonomic Draft #15 of June 28, 2006.

Agenda Item #8—Next Meeting? October 24, 2007 or November 28, 2007

Marsha Parrott-Boyle reported that staff has canvassed the appointed Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee regarding scheduling a meeting. The October 24th, 2007 date does not work for most of them and does not leave sufficient time for review of the work of this Ad-Hoc Ergonomics Appendix Advisory Committee. November 28th, 2007 appears to be a possible better date.

Agenda Item # 8—Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

****Minutes were reviewed and approved as amended, March 2008****